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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR????*Matt. 20:16*

INT: Wars since 3,600 B. C.?? 14,000 lg. & small.
 Toll: 3½ billion humans killed as result of war.
WHO can evaluate the suffering, heartache and tragedy to human race as result of inhumanity
 ADD: Human hatreds, animosity & jealousy which have not led to war, but to social strife, chaos, confusion and mental anguish.
QUOTE: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn." What about God-the Father?

CONSIDER: the relief Jesus brought to the world when He brought the Gospel of Peace, Hope, love, Brotherhood, mercy & forgiveness.
 Three great commandments: Love God, Neighbor, self (Pride, self-confidence, self-esteem.)

I. DIALOGUE: Jesus and the Lawyer. *Luke 10:25-37.A. What parallels are there today? **Many!**

1. IRELAND: IRA guerilla save a British soldier after two English officers passed.
2. ISRAEL: Jew save a Syrian guerilla after two buddies abandoned him in battle.
3. U. S.: Negro saves a white man after a preacher and an elder too busy to aid him.
4. TEXAS: White man saves a Chicano after his priest and bishop abandoned him in need.

OR: 5. Who YOU least interested in helping?? Neighbor?

6. ILL. D. L. Moody & D. B. Towner(singer) on train. Drunk-obnoxious teenager. Moody: Let's move. Towner: suffer it out. Conductor took him aft, washed & bandaged. Sleep! Moody's shame-phariseeism! Night before preached on "tolerance", "love", "neighbor!"

II. JESUS CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE "NEAR BY". 4 cases.

- See Col.* A. Luke 4:18-19.* Mission. It is finished: A. 10:36
 B. Matt. 5:43-37.* Where a greater challenge?
 C. Matt. 20:24-29.* Who wants to??? Neighbor!!
 D. Matt. 25:34-40.* Practical or pretense.

III. Henry Drummond: THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD, "The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to his other children;" John 13:35..

Stephen Heller
III. Statement: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore

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that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it NOW. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

III. THE GREATEST SERVICE OF ALL TO ONE'S NEIGHBOR.

- A. Zacchaeus: Luke 19:10. Seek and save lost. Saved despised tax-extortioner! Thief! Cheat!
- B. John 4:13-14.* Extra-ordinary! Woman. Foreigner. Stranger. Hostile. Immoral. Anti-social. Needy. Hungry. Receptive. Glad.

NOTE: No person can get himself into such a shape that GOD cannot get him out!. May cost him much--but there is a safe way out
Sacrifice: personal desires, pleasures, and/or human relationships.

INV: *II Cor. 12:14-15. Paul sought Person first!

James: 5:20. Save a soul from death.

TEACHING can usually only come AFTER one has assured the sinner that he is his neighbor.

Ill. Julia Ward Howe (author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic,) wrote her senator to help a needy person.

REPLY: "I am so much taken up with plans for my next race for office that I have no time for individuals."

HER REACTION: Pasted this reply in her album of interests with this reply:
"When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this senator's altitude." Jesus had time for one!

"HE WHO WAITS UNTIL HE CAN SAVE MANY SOULS WILL NEVER SAVE ONE."

How about your own? Acts 2:38.

Neglected others? Rom. 6:23. I J. 1:9.